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## HISTORY IN IOWA NEWSPAPERS

To the thousands of copies of Iowa newspapers on file in the state of Iowa's fine state historical department, at Des Moines, has been added during the Iowa Centennial year a large number of special editions prepared especially to inform readers of the history, they should know. These papers are filled with stories of Iowa history, early and late, information as to the main facts of Iowa progress through the century, and historic events of local interest. In all cases, they have been illustrated, generally with rare and interesting pictures.

Not only the daily newspapers, but a majority of the weeklies have given splendid co-operation to the general movement to arouse among Iowa people a deeper sense of their own state and local history and to encourage in every way the whole range of anniversary events. Iowa does not have as many newspapers as formerly, but they are better, and their editors and publishers are alive to the wants of the readers they so well serve.

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The General Assembly that meets in January, 1947, is numbered the Fifty-second for an Iowa that is just 100 years old. The apparent discrepancy came about because the first General Assembly of Iowa commenced work Nov. 30, 1846, which was a month before the official date of admission as a state, and for some years the biennial sessions all commenced in December of every other year. Then a change was made and the session commenced in January of each even-numbered year. Another number was gained when in 1906 and 1907 two sessions came only a year apart because of the change to biennial elections.

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